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## NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

### DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone on 8-16 lb. hens and 16-24 lb. toms was steady to fully steady. Light trading centered on deferred shipments. Offers were light. Demand was light to fair. Trading for the week was fairly active on fresh tom breast meat in a wide range of prices. Demand for other meats and bulk parts were light. Offers were generally adequate with tom wings in the closest balance.



### EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading for the week was moderate on tom v-type wings and tom drums, active on thigh meat. Offerings were adequate for the fair at best demand.

**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **JUNE 01, 2006**

	CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/				FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/			OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/	
	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	72	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	71-72	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	72-73	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION	72	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	71-72	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	72-73	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	72	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	71-72	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	72-73	-	-	-	77.00	80	SEP	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	72	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	71-72	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	72-73	-	-	-	77.00	80	SEP	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

**WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

WEEK OF JUNE 02, 2006	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO	MONTH OF MAY	CURRENT MONTH	LAST MONTH	SAME MONTH YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS				8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	72.00 **	71.70 **	69.00	EASTERN REGION	71.27	69.75	67.69
CENTRAL REGION	71.50 **	71.20 **	68.13 **	CENTRAL REGION	70.74	69.30	67.20
WESTERN REGION	72.50 **	72.20 **	68.13 **	WESTERN REGION	71.30	68.83	67.74
16-24 LB TOMS				16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	72.00 **	71.70 **	67.00	EASTERN REGION	70.94	69.73	66.87
CENTRAL REGION	71.50 **	71.20 **	69.00	CENTRAL REGION	70.82	69.20	66.69
WESTERN REGION	72.50 **	72.20 **	67.50 **	WESTERN REGION	71.30	68.83	66.69

\*\*BASED ON OFFERS

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY  
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	88-97
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	88-97
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	72-77
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	72-77
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	72-80

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY  
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	98-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	94-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	93-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	92-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	106-119

**NATIONAL FRESH TURKEYS -**

U.S. GRADE A, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS  
(prices reflect turkeys with timers) Week of June 05, 2006

Price (cents/lb.)      Volume (lbs.)

**PRICED AT TIME OF SALE**

8-16 lbs.	82.30	315,000
16-24 lbs.	81.00	15,200

**PRICE TO BE DETERMINED**

8-16 lbs.	--	20,000
16-24 lbs.	--	10,000

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Total Volume:                      360,200

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**TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS**

W/E 27-May-2006 (Preliminary)

		YOUNG TURKEYS		TOTAL TURKEYS		
		PCT	AVG			
		CHG	LIVE	OLD		AVG
-THOUSAND HEAD-		PW	WT	BANDED	-THOUSAND HEAD-	LIVE
						WT
North East	759	-1	24.69	(A)	760	24.69
South Atlantic	755	10	34.08	(A)	755	34.08
North Central	2,235	0	32.62	(A)	2,235	32.62
South Central	675	-17	18.41	(A)	675	18.41
West	282	19	28.01	(A)	282	28.01
U.S. total	4,706(B)	-1	29.27	1	4,707	29.27
To-date						
2006	91,980(B)			112	92,092	
To-date						
2005	88,018(B)			62	88,080	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 2,000; for the current year to date 454,000; for last year to date 461,000.

**TURKEY MOVEMENT TRENDS**

(IN THOUSAND POUNDS)

Slaughter-certified ready-to-cook turkeys

April	418,037*
May 1 - 27, 2006	429,447*

To date 2006	2,115,486*
To date 2005	2,075,980*

\* Preliminary

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

	<u>YOUNG</u>		<u>YOUNG OLD</u>		<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>HENS</u>	<u>TOMS</u>	<u>BREEDERS</u>	<u>TURKEYS</u>	
	<u>Thousands</u>				
W/E 27-May-2006					
Head	2,016	2,688	2	1	4,707
Avg Wt	17.17	38.33	25.00	66.15	29.27
Last week	2,099	2,634	10	2	4,745
Same wk yr ago	1,890	2,528	17	1	4,436
Avg Wt	16.26	37.59	25.46	50.55	28.46
To-date/2006	39,415	52,111	454	112	92,092
To-date/2005	34,213	53,344	461	62	88,080

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**NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT.** INCLUDING BULK MEAT and FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 1 JUNE 2006.

The market tone on tom breast meat was steady to barely steady. Demand moderate for the adequate to fully adequate offerings. The market tone on the balance of white meat was steady to instances firm with wing meat with skin in the strongest position. Further processed demand was starting to show signs of increased activity with the advent of summer time weather. Trading was active into export channels and moderate on fresh tom breast meat for domestic shipments, balance slow. For domestic: frozen -20% mechanically separated turkey -90 days age 15, tails 32-34, Grade A non-basted rib breasts - 12-14 lb. 170, 14-16 lb. 175, 18-20 lb. 180 cents delivered. For export: hen wings 23, tom necks 26, thigh trim 29.50, fresh tom drums 36, tom defatted gizzards 42 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/				
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		W	158.00	10
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		F	106.00	5
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	36.00-38.00		37.36	169
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		W	38.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	34.00		34.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	26.00-29.00		26.86	118
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	23.00-24.00		23.93	86
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	35.50	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	112.00		112.00	20
NECKS, TOM	26.00-28.00		27.16	184
NECKS, HEN		F	26.00	20
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		W	173.00	80
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	188.00-194.00		189.12	344
THIGH MEAT	68.00		68.00	40
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	72.00		72.00	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT	121.00		121.00	120
SCAPULA MEAT	124.00-125.00		124.50	80
TENDERLOINS		R	172.00	5
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		F	176.50	20
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	190.00		190.00	80
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	94.00-96.00		95.00	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	21.00	20
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	24.00		24.00	80
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	36.00-42.00		40.21	380
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	27.00		27.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	39.00		39.00	312
TAILS	22.00-31.00		25.00	156
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	18.00		18.00	80
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	68.00-75.00		72.19	444

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.):

M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins.

4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

**NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT,** INCLUDING BULK MEAT and FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 2 JUNE 2006.

The market tone on tom drums ranged from instances fully steady for select export destinations to barely steady, tom full-cut wings steady to fully steady, tom necks and tom 2-joint wings steady to barely steady. Demand light to moderate. Offerings of tom drums mixed ranging from light on certain sized product to fully adequate, tom full-cut wings light at best, balance of tom bulk parts adequate to fully adequate. The market tone on tails was steady to instances weak for the adequate to ample supplies. Demand light. The market tone on thigh meat was steady to instances fully steady with some not seeing the strength others are. Demand light to moderate. Offerings short to adequate. The market tone on mechanically separated turkey was steady to barely steady. Demand light for the adequate to fully adequate offerings. Trading was active on fresh tom breast meat for domestic shipments and on both fresh tom drums and tails for export, balance slow to moderate. For domestic (fresh): wing meat with skin 99-101, scapula 124-134 cents delivered. For export: tails 31 June-December shipments, fresh tom drums 36 June shipments, frozen thigh meat for Russia 98 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	LST CDE	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
					WTD AVG PRICE	
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	117.00	1/	117.00	80	117.00	80
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		W	158.00	10	158.00	10
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		F	106.00	5		
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		R	37.36	169	37.40	249
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	36.00		36.00	40	37.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		R	34.00	20	34.24	84
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	25.00-27.00		25.95	19	26.57	152
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		R	23.93	86	24.13	106
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	38.00		38.00	40	38.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	110.00		110.00	40	110.67	60
NECKS, TOM	28.00		28.00	50	27.47	292
NECKS, HEN		F	26.00	20		
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		W	173.00	80	173.00	80
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	188.00-194.00		192.15	626	190.86	1,210
THIGH MEAT	69.00		69.00	20	68.33	60
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	72.00-75.00		72.24	108	72.18	148
BREAST TRIM MEAT		R	121.00	120	121.00	120
SCAPULA MEAT	125.00		125.00	52	124.70	132
TENDERLOINS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		F	176.50	20		
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	96.00		96.00	20	94.89	180
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	190.00-193.00		190.43	112	190.25	192
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	20.00		20.00	40	20.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	22.00-24.00		22.91	134	23.43	254
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	40.00		40.00	120	39.95	608
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	28.00		28.00	120	27.75	160
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	39.00	312	36.84	740
TAILS		R	25.00	156	26.43	196
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		R	18.00	80	18.00	80
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	67.00		67.00	312	70.09	1,568

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